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SUBJ: MOSCOW LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

1. MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LECTURE MARCH 11 MADE FOLLOWING
POINTS IN COURSE OF FORMAL PRESENTATION AND IN RESPONDING TO
QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE:

2. SOVIET- JAPANESE RELATIONS: LECTURER STRONGLY HINTED THAT
JAPANESE PREMIER WOULD BE VISITING MOSCOW BEFORE LONG FOR
TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP. ON THE AGENDA WOULD BE SIGNING
OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS AND CONCLUSION OF PEACE TREATY.
CONCERNING STATUS OF FOUR NORTHERN ISLANDS, SPEAKER SAID
HE WOULD NOT STATE AS DO SOME OTHER SPEAKERS, THAT NONE OF FOUR
ISLAND WOULD RETURN TO JAPANESE CONTROL. HE INDICATED THAT
COMPROMISE SOLUTION ON RETURN POSSIBLE.

3. MIDDLE EAST. RECENT BREZHNEV MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN DEFENSE
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MINISTER ALI WAS SIGNAL THAT DIFFERENCES WHICH AROSE BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR NOW RESOLVED. SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ARABS WITH NECESSARY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND MORAL SUPPORT. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED, BASED ON WESTERN PRESS SOURCES, TO VISIT EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES OF FINDING SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS. EGYPTIAN LEADERS ARE CORRECT WHEN THEY STRESS THE NEED FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ARAB- ISRAELI DIFFERENCES.

4. CSCE AND MBFR: CSCE PRELIMINARY TALKS IN HELSINKI NOT PROCEEDING AS QUICKLY AS SOVIETS HAD HOPED. NEVERTHELESS , SOVIETS STILL EXPECT FULL CSCE TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE 1973. MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA GOING LESS WELL. AGREEMENT NOT YET REACHED ON BASIC

QUESTION OF WHICH COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE.

5. JEWISH EMIGRATION: JEWS CONTINUE TO EMIGRATE BUT THE FLOW HAS REDUCED AND WILL CONTINUE TO REDUCE SINCE MANY PEOPLE NOW UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING NEW IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL. (THIS ASSERTION DOES NOT ACCORD WITH INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY.)

6. US - SOVIET RELATIONS: BOTH SIDES REALIZE THE NECESSITY FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE AND A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED. SPEAKER ANNOUNCED (FOR FIRST TIME IN MOSCOW LECTURE) THAT SOVIETS HAD CONTRACTED TO BUY 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS OF GRAIN FROM US BY MID -1973.

7. FOOD RATIONING: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON STORIES OF FOOD RATIONING IN VOLGA AREA, SPEAKER CONFIRMED THAT RATIONING OF BUTTER AND POTATOES HAS OCCURED. HE PERSONALLY HAD OBSERVED RATIONING ON VISIT TO GORKIY, AND EXPLAINED DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING NORMAL MARKET SITUATION.

8. AIR CRASHES: RE SPATE OF CRASHES INVOLVING SOVIET BUILT AIRCRAFT, LECTURER SAID COMMISSIONS ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE STUDIES TO DETERMINE CAUSES. HE DISCLOSED THAT AT LEAST SOME CRASHES HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO NEGLIGENCE (POOR MAINTENANCE) AND STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING CHANGES AT SENIOR LEVELS OF CIVIL AVIATION INDUSTRY.

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